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Applicant : Hirofumi Yura et al.  
Filed : 01/23/2002  
Title : FUNCTIONALIZED GLYCOSAMINOGLYCAN POLYMER AND  
MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS AND DRUGS BY USING THE SAME  
Docket No. : S&P.33944  
Customer No.: 00116

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR1.121)**

Dear Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 5, 2005.

The amendments to the claims in the previously filed Amendment dated 12/20/2004 were found to be non-compliant in that the parenthetical expressions of claims status should read "previously presented" and not "previously amended."

The corrected section of the Amendment dated 12/20/2004, i.e., the Listing of Claims section, is re-submitted herewith and is now believed to comply with 37 CFR 1.121.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 12, 2005

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the dated indicated below.

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